ties (i) by careful vigilance; (ii) by intensifying the checking at customs points (iii) as well as by strict enforcement of the Antiquities and Art Treasues Act, 1972.

Central assistance for educational Schemes in Karnataka

4940. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any request from the Government of Karnataka for assistance in the implementation of several on-going and planned schemes in the sphere of education;

(b) whether the Central Government would support to the State's Akshaya and Vidya Vikas Schemes to provide incentives to the elementary level students by posing the schemes for World Bank/UNICEF assistance; and

(c) whther it is a fact that Karnataka has done well with the 'Operation Black Board' scheme, which is half-way, requiring financial support from the Central Government for attainment of targets; and if so, whether the Central Government would come out with support for this programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) No proposal from Karnataka for assistance to Akshaya and Vidya Vikas Schemes is pending in the Ministry.

(c) Under Operation Black Board (OB), all the primary schools originally targetted to be covered have been sanctioned teaching learning equipment and additional teachers. In Karnataka, the programme has been extended to cover 9610 upper primary schools and 2769 third teachers' posts were sanctioned.

Grants to Indo Shastri Canadian Institute

4941. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants/aids given by Government to Indo Shastri Canadian Institute during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) names of the officials who represent Government in its decision making both financial administrative and academic bodies during this period;

(c) the amount grants given by the Canadian Government to the Institute during this period;

(d) the number of times various decision making bodies met and deliberated on the Institute and also reviewed its functioning;

(e) the details of each meeting, the official/representative participated, agenda of the meeting and also the decision taken thereon; and

(f) whether any shortcoming was found and the same was placed before any of these meeting; if so details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA). (a) Under Agenda VI to Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI), it was provided that a sum of Rs. 3 crores would be paid to the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute during the period of 5 years from April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1994. The amount of grant sanctioned during 1992-93 and 1993-94 was Rs. 65 lakhs and Rs. 72 lakhs respectively. Pending the renewal of the Agreement, the Institute was sanctioned a grant of Rs. 76 lakhs during 1994-95.